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*"It may have been the Easter Convention in 2012 at Belgrave Heights, when I was listening to Ian Coffey's closing statement, **"There are no closed countries, as long as we are not worried about coming back!"***

This sentence resonated within me, yet I had no idea how inspirational this would later become. I had served in overseas missions for 17 years with no plans for a change. Towards the end of 2012, however, my ministry role came to an unexpected end and I was in need of a new direction. Again, and again Ian Coffey's statement kept coming to mind, but at the time, I was unaware as to what it would mean for me in a practical sense later on.

As a missions aircraft maintenance engineer, I often wondered at how new methods and technology could and perhaps should be used, beyond the applications of war; to reach people for Christ instead. For instance, imagine how a drone could serve as a vital tool in missions; to track whereabouts of nomadic tribes, or to deliver Bibles to a closed country!

Early in 2013, with the blessing of our mission organization, my wife and I decided to venture out and research how aviation and technology could be used to meet the needs of missionaries

and ministries in ways not previously done; to reach unengaged people groups. Ian Coffey's statement ultimately motivated us to investigate possibilities beyond existing methods. As a result, Hope From Above Inc. was formed in December of 2013.

Today, HFA Inc. operates in various places and has worked in partnership with organizations such as Voice of the Martyrs, Wycliffe Bible Translators and others, to deliver thousands of Bibles to "closed countries"! Thank you for joining us in our journey. - Hans

Recently I found myself reading an article written by one of my professors at university; about her work in the aftermath of the Rwandan Genocide. At one point, she describes a teenage boy asking her if she thought God would forgive him and her response was nothing more than a desperate attempt to escape the question. That dialog between her and this boy left me with a deep despairing feeling for him; I sat motionless for a few minutes as I cried for this young boy and the countless others like him. People need God! They need to know His love and experience His peace. In John 8:12, Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* God is light, yet in some of the darkest places on earth, there is no

light. How can the unreached and inaccessible people experience the 'light of life' when they are unaware that it exists?

I have been working as the Multimedia Designer for Hope From Above for a little over three months now. I am not a trained graphic designer, in fact, I studied architecture at university, and while I blasted full steam ahead into postgraduate studies, I began to feel disillusioned by the industry and subsequently withdrew. Over the course of the next two years, God began to cultivate my passion for the underprivileged and lead me to work for a not-for-profit Christian organization for some time where I was able to combine my love of architecture with my passion for

helping those in need. I am now enrolled in a postgraduate course studying in the field of humanitarian architecture.

While I study, I work part-time for HFA, and it has been amazing to watch how God has used my skill-set to benefit the work we do. I am not an evangelist, and while I do like to be out on the field, I prefer to remain behind the scenes. My work with HFA enables me to do exactly that, remain 'backstage', whilst I am indirectly helping to reach 'those beyond reach'. My roles vary from updating social media, designing our printed media and writing prayer updates to administrative work. God continues to use me in ways that I had not anticipated, such as drafting plans for some minor renovations at

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On the 24th of January, we packed up our belongings and made the final move to our new building in Kilsyth.

Thank you for supporting us through prayer during this time! We are settling in very well and are excited to be in our own space.

Set-up continues and will do so for some time yet, however, we have been blessed with many helpful hands, and for this we are thankful.

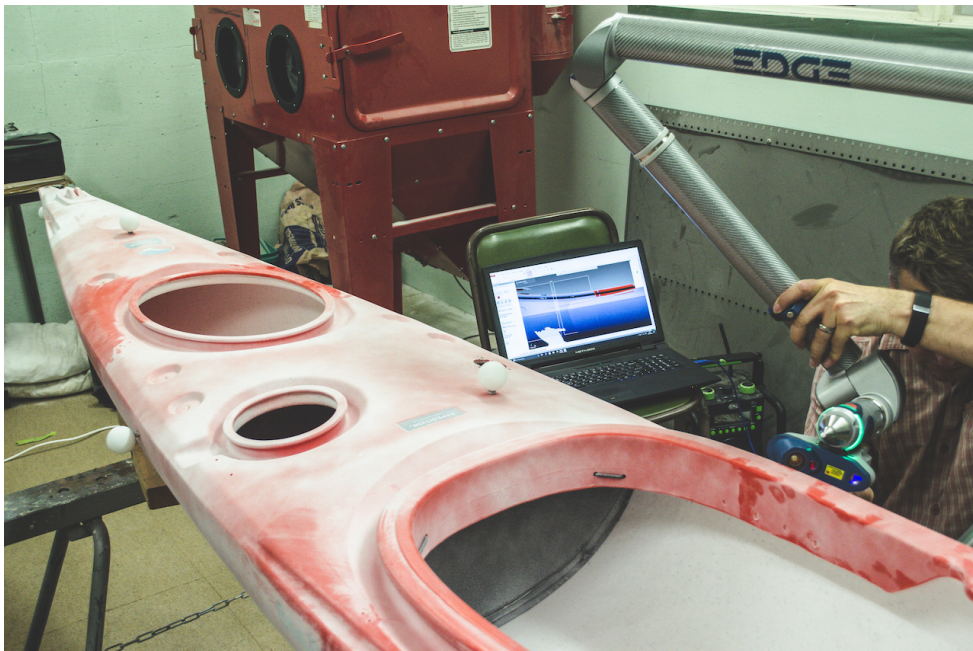
DID YOU KNOW...

"The purpose of Hope from Above is to help bring the Gospel to unreached and inaccessible people groups, overcoming their isolation through aviation and technology, where no other alternatives are available, and without which, these people would remain unreached." - Excerpt from HFA's Purpose Statement.

Through our partnerships with people and organizations, and the provision of aviation and technology, isolated people groups are being reached.

Thank you for joining us!

Images: Scanning a kayak into digital software as part of the ocean drone project that will take bibles to some of the most isolated places in the world. (See on next page)



PRAYER

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

- Psalm 107:1

- Pray for HFA, and God's continued provision for our daily needs.
- Pray that God would deliver us from the evil one. (Matt. 6:5-15)
- Pray for the work we do; that people would come to know the Lord.
- Pray for those people who experience daily suffering and persecution. May they find God's light.
- Pray for ongoing projects, such as the ocean drone, that bring the word of God to some of the most isolated places in the world.
- Praise the Lord for a smooth transition into our new facilities.
- Give thanks for God's atoning sacrifice.

We send out prayer updates every two weeks with more specific prayer and praise points. If you would like to receive these, let us know at info@hfa.org.au, or you can find them on www.hfa.org.au.



HFA's new facilities. While this is not an architecture job, I have been able to use the knowledge and skills that I have accumulated over the years to contribute to seemingly menial tasks.

Another ongoing project that I am involved in, is to do with the design of an Remote Piloted Marine System (RPMS), or ocean drone. Some time ago, HFA acquired a kayak, and we've been working to transform it into a workable 3D digital model. We are privileged to have had an expert in 3D scanning to scan the kayak into modelling software. I will now be taking the digital kayak into other modelling software that is used in architecture, and begin to generate sections so that we are able to produce and fit individual components onto it. The ocean drone will ultimately be used to take bibles to isolated and unreachable people.

Our God is an awesome God! When I think about everyone involved in HFA, both directly and indirectly, I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26, where God talks about the many parts of the human body working together to form one whole. It reads:

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact, God has placed the parts in the

body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it."

We are ALL functioning parts of THE BODY and when we function together, we are far more effective than if we worked alone. Beyond that, we have the assurance that we are never alone! Matthew 28:20 reads, *"Behold, I am with you always."* As such, just as I need to remember that my role in HFA is valuable, you too need to be reminded of this fact. When I read our director's inspiring excerpt about how HFA evolved, 1 Corinthians 3:7-9 comes to mind. *"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."* A number of years ago, a single seed of hope was planted and that seed has gradually grown into what it is today. I firmly believe that God will continue to grow this ministry until our work is done.

- Mailys



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